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SUBJECT: KADAR RECEIVES LENIN PEACE PRIZE

- 1. NEPSZABADSAG, ORGAN OF HUNGARIAN SOCIALIST WORKERS' PARTY, ANNOUNCED MAY 1 ON FRONT PAGE THAT FIRST SECRETARY JANOS KADAR WAS AMONG SEVERAL RECIPIENTS OF LENIN PEACE PRIZE. A RARE PICTURE OF KADAR APPEARED ALONG WITH ARTICLE.
- 2. AWARDING KADAR THE LENIN PEACE PRIZE IN SIMPLE TERMS MEANS THAT THE HUNGARIAN LEADER CONTINUES TO HAVE THE BLESSING OF MOSCOW AND THAT SOME OF THE NEWER POLICIES HE IS PURSUING, BOTH INTERNAL AND FOREIGN, HAVE THE KREMLIN'S GOOD HOUSEKEEPING SEAL OF APPROVAL. THE HUNGARIANS HAVE ASSUMED AN ADVANCED POSITION WITH THE WARSAW PACT AREA ON CSCE AND HUMAN RIGHTS WHICH HAS APPARENTLY ATTRACTED A DRUMBEAT OF CRITICISM FROM SOME OF THEIR ALLIES. WE HAVE AT LEAST ONE REPORT CONFIDENTIAL

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(BUDAPEST 0996) INDICATING THAT THE HUNGARIANS AT THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE SECRETARIES' MEETING IN SOFIA MARCH 2-3 VIGOROUSLY DEFENDED THEIR POSITION OPPOSING THE PROPOSALS PUT FORWARD BY THOSE ADVOCATING STRONG SUPPORT FOR THE CZECHS' HANDLING OF THE CHARTER 77 IMBROGLIO. THE AWARD OF THE LENIN PEACE PRIZE SHOULD STEM THE TIDE OF CRITICISM LAUNCHED AGAINST HUNGARY

### BU ITS WARSAW PACT CRITICS.

- 3. THE LENIN PEACE PRIZE AWARD TO KADAR CAN ALSO BE REGARDED AS APPROVAL FOR KADAR'S POLICY TOWARDS WESTERN EUROPEAN COMMUNIST PARTIES EXPRESSED IN "PEACE AND SOCIALISM" (BUDAPEST 0305) SOME WEEKS AGO.
- 4. INTERNALLY, THE AWARD OF THE LENIN PEACE PRIZE TO THE HSWP FIRST SECRETARY SHOULD ALSO HAVE A PALLIATIVE AND REASSURING EFFECT ON THOSE HUNGARIANS WHO HAVE BEEN SOMEWHAT CONCERNED THAT THE SOVIETS MAY NOT APPROVE OF HUNGARY'S STANCE ON THE HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE, CSCE MATTERS, AND IMPROVEMENT OF RELATIONS WITH THE WEST, PARTICULARLY THE U.S. MUDD

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